

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

FRED CONKLIN TO ENTER BILLIARD CONTEST



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New York, Jan. 31.—When the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players holds its contest for the championship of the United States in February, Fred Conklin, the well-known Chicago player, will be one of the contestants.

The games are to take place on the tables of the Liederkreis club, in this city. Heretofore the contests have taken place in the billiard room of the Hanover club, in Brooklyn, but arrangements have been made this time for this side of the river.

Mr. Conklin is playing in fine form this winter. His game never has been quite up to the present standard. He recently made a high run of 112 in Chicago and averaged twelve in another game. It is quite up to the standard, but as Conklin's play is steadily growing stronger better things are expected of him.

BIG BALL MEN CONFER.

MAGNATES FROM THE EAST GATHER ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Edward Hanlon, manager of the Brooklyn National baseball team, arrived here today. He is one of the committee appointed to confer with the Pacific coast managers on the question of settling differences between the big Eastern organizations and the coast league. James A. Hart of Chicago is also here, and the two are awaiting the coming of President Ben Johnson, the third member of the committee. It is expected that the conference will be held within the next two or three days. The indications are that both sides will make concessions, and that the Pacific organization will enter into the national agreement.

THE BLACK MAN WON.

Negro Saves Race for Pennsylvania Team.

New York, Jan. 31.—A feature of the indoor carnival of sports held last night in Madison Square garden, under the auspices of the Columbia University Track Athletic association, was a negro victory in the mile relay race between the University of Pennsylvania and Amherst track teams. The last two men in the relay bore the same name, Taylor, but the Pennsylvania was a negro. As the two men raced shoulder to shoulder throughout the last lap, the excitement of the spectators became intense, and when the negro won by barely six inches, gaining the honors for Pennsylvania, the applause which greeted him was vociferous.

Racing at Ingleside.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Commencing tomorrow Ingleside will be the scene of racing, and the meeting will continue throughout February. A number of important events will be decided this month, among them the Burns handicap next Saturday and the California Derby, on Washington's birthday. The Burns handicap, which has a value of \$10,000, will be run next Saturday. It is at a mile and a quarter for three-year-olds and upwards. Weights are to be announced Tuesday. The best field that has met here in several years will contest for the rich prize. Among the candidates are Proper, Claude, Oursman, Shotgun, Foxall, Argos, Nenes, Dainty, Honiton, Bearcatcher, Toledo, Rockaway, Kenilworth, Waswit, Fancolbridge, Beau Ormonde, Horatius, Divina, Horton, Yellow Tail, Ben McRaid, Incubator, Graftor, Major Terry, Arabo, Leader, Arcade and Nigrette.

Friscos' Ball Twirlers.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—The line-up of the San Francisco ball team for 1904 is as follows: Pitcher, Bert Jones; James Whalen, Win Catter, Stanley Yerkes, catcher, Tom Leahy and Hans Hanson; first base, William Massey; second base, Andrew Anderson; third base, Charles Irwin; shortstop, J. C. Gouchaud; outfielders, Pat Meany, E. J. Waldron, Joseph Marshall; utility man, Bert Dolmas.

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ITALIAN AT MURRAY STABS MAN FIVE TIMES

Smelter Workman Makes a Deadly Assault on a Fellow Laborer, but Is Restrained From Committing Murder.

There was a nasty cutting scrape in Murray last night, in which an Italian, Mark Polpisch, played the star part and Orson Smith was the victim. Smith received five stabs in the head and back from a knife in the hands of the Italian, but none of the wounds are considered dangerous, and the indications at a late hour this morning were that the man would survive. The man who assaulted him is in the Murray city jail.

The affair took place at the gate of the yard surrounding the American smelter at 11 o'clock last night, when the men were coming off shift. All men employed in the smelter are required to pass through the small gate one at a time and get their checks as they pass out. As there are several hundred of them it requires time for all to pass out.

and there is always more or less scuffling among the men to get through quickly. This happened last night. Polpisch was hustled by some of the other men. Suddenly he drew a knife and began stabbing Smith in the back of the head and in the back. Before he could be stopped he had given Smith five ugly though not deep wounds. Something like a razor cut, a free-for-all fight with fists followed this, but no one else was seriously hurt.

Polpisch was located on the dump later in the night by City Marshal Mauss and taken into custody. He was held without bail and will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon. While searching for Polpisch another Italian was found with a six shooter in one pocket and \$14 in cash in another. He was arrested on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and \$40 of his money was taken as a bond to secure his appearance to answer to the charge.

SEEKS MONEY SALVE FOR BROKEN PROMISE

Sara Madden, an Actress, Declares in Action for \$50,000 for Breach of Promise to Marry, That Peter Duryea, the Horseman, Is a Deceiver.

New York, Jan. 31.—Peter Duryea, a prominent breeder of trotting horses and partner of D. Stokes in the Patches-Wilkes stock farm at Lexington, Ky., has been made defendant in a suit brought by Sara Madden, an actress, to recover \$50,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage, says the Herald.

George E. Coffin and Louis A. Cuviller of 229 Broadway are counsel for Miss Madden, and the action has been begun in the Supreme court of New York.

Mr. Duryea declined to discuss the case, but his counsel, Benjamin Stenhardt, of Howe & Humel, said that Mr. Duryea is emphatic in the statement that he never

promised to marry Miss Madden, and that the action is an attempt to extort money from him.

Miss Madden boards with Mrs. Ward Mead, the widow of a former society leader of New York. She claims that about eight years ago she was introduced to Mr. Duryea in New York, and that she went with a number of his friends to Lexington, Ky., and that he promised to marry her.

She saw Mr. Duryea last, she says, about last Christmas. Miss Madden has been with a number of theatrical companies.

Mr. Duryea is reported to be a man of wealth, having inherited a large fortune from his uncle, Nicholas Duryea. Besides his Lexington property, he has an estate in England.

DRUNKEN PROSPECTORS FIGHT THIRTEEN HOURS

Kingman, Ariz., Jan. 31.—A sanguinary fight took place last evening at a place known as Meyer's Well, twenty-six miles west of here between Thomas W. Smith and two men known as Lang and Wilbur, in which Wilbur was fatally and Lang seriously wounded. Wilbur died today.

The three men had entered into a prospecting agreement and Smith came to the town for a supply of provisions. After depositing his supplies at the Lang and Wilbur camp, the men went to Smith's camp to assist in bringing his outfit to the new camp.

On the way they apparently drank

liquor freely and were soon involved in a quarrel. Wilbur and Lang attacked Smith and a rough-and-tumble fight followed.

From 6 o'clock yesterday morning until 7 o'clock last night the men fought with hands and rocks with but slight intermission, and the ground over which the battle raged is covered with blood.

Smith was badly battered up and the other two men were so overcome that they were unable to continue the fight. Early this morning Wilbur died from his injuries.

A teamster witnessed the fight, but made no effort to separate the combatants. Smith came to Kingman this afternoon and surrendered to the authorities.

CHICAGO FACING OVER \$38,000,000 IN SUITS

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Personal injury suits amounting to over \$38,000,000 are pending against the city of Chicago, according to the report of the city attorney, John F. Smulski, made public today.

The Council, the Legislature and finally the people are appealing for relief. Side-walk injuries caused the majority of the suits.

Mr. Smulski shows that the interests combining to loot the city in this way amount practically to an organization.

Names of lawyers, mostly young men, and doctors occur with great frequency in the list of suits.

The city attorney says the main cause of this condition is the deplorable state of the city's finances, which makes it impossible to care properly for its streets and sidewalks.

The remedy, he says, is a new city charter. The many judgments awarded against the city are pointed out, and Attorney Smulski says that unless favorable action is taken in regard to a new charter inevitable bankruptcy will result.

SEX SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS A SUCCESS

Chicago, Jan. 31.—According to a report submitted by Dean George E. Vincent to President Harper of the University of Chicago the experiment of segregating the sexes in the Junior college work during the past year has been a success.

Dean Vincent in his report says: "Unofficially various instructors who have taught the classes exclusively for men or women have told me that from their experience they believe segregation is going to work out as an educational and social success."

"One interesting feature of the situation is that several of the instructors who were radically opposed to segregation now say that their experience leads them to favor it heartily."

"The girls and boys do not have any chance to look at one another and be distracted in their classroom work," said Prof. Chandler, who has taught segregated Latin classes. "I favored coeducation and voted against segregation. But I must say that as a result of the year's impressions I am now convinced that segregation is better. In my classes there has been better concentration and the students have accomplished more than before segregation."

ALASKAN TOWN BUILT ON GOLD-LADEN EARTH

Seattle, Jan. 31.—A special from Dawson to the Post-Intelligencer says: "The town of Grand Forks is being undermined in the pursuit of gold. The town stands on what was originally part of claim No. 6 above Discovery, on Bonanza creek."

Grand Forks has a population of 500. The town has one long street lined with business houses. A number of the owners of the business houses and lots on which they stand have begun digging under their own buildings and on their own ground beside their buildings in quest of the yellow metal, and are having success.

BANK STARTS BUSINESS WITH BLESSING AND \$6,000,000

Mexico City, Jan. 31.—Archbishop Alarcón has formally blessed the premises of the new Catholic bank, which starts business with a capital of \$6,000,000.

The first newspaper published in Mexico to receive the apostolic benediction of Pope Pius X. is the Catholic paper El Fide of this city. The new Pope has sent his blessings to the paper, and through it to the entire Catholic world of Mexico.

MINERS AND OPERATORS FIXING UP WAGE SCALE

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Mine operators and miners here attending the joint wage conference spent the day resting. The joint wage scale committee will meet tomorrow to begin active discussion of the demands of the operators and miners, which are widely separated.

The outcome of the present conference is being watched with keen interest. It is understood that the operators are more in earnest about their demand for a reduction than ever before and that they will fight for it. There is a feeling also that the miners are firm in their demand for their scale of a strictly run of mine basis, a flat differential of 7 cents and a uniform wage for outside employment. The battle has scarcely begun.

BUFFALO BILL'S DAUGHTER SUCCEEDS TO OPERATION

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Charles W. Thorpe died here this morning, succumbing to the effects of an operation performed a week ago. She was a daughter of Col. W. F. Cody and married Dr. Charles Thorpe at Denver, January 1st.

BRITAIN'S ARMY BOARD

Commander-in-Chief Is to Be Abolished.

NEW POSITION CREATED

An Army Council Will Direct Affairs.

Lord Esher's Commission Has Made Report Outlining Plan for Army.

London, Jan. 31.—The report of the royal commission known as the Lord Esher commission, which was appointed last November for the purpose of advising the Government concerning the creation of a post for the administrative business of the War office, has been issued, and it confirms the change foreshadowed by the Associated Press on November 23rd, namely, that the post of commander-in-chief of the army will be abolished.

With the approval of the King and acting upon the recommendations of the commission, the Government has decided to appoint an army council framed upon the admiralty model, to abolish the office of commander-in-chief of the army and to create a new post, that of inspector-general, whose principal duty will be to inspect and report on the efficiency of the military forces.

IN THREE SECTIONS

The report is divided into three sections, the first of which relates to the abolition of the post of commander-in-chief of the army and the third to inspection. It points out the necessity of greater permanence in the defense committee in order to insure a continuous policy, and it suggests the addition to the existing defense committee of a permanent secretary holding office for five years, two naval officers selected by the Admiralty, two military officers chosen by the Secretary of State, and if possible, other colonial representatives, holding office for two years. With regard to the War office, the commission suggests that the Secretary of State for War be placed in the same position as the First Lord of the Admiralty, directly responsible to the crown and to Parliament. The constitution of the army council aims at decentralization, the individual members of the council being entrusted with different branches, such as armament, supply, finance, etc.

WANT MILITARY MEMBERS.

In this connection the report remarks, significantly, "New measures demand new men. We therefore attach special importance to the appointment of military members not too closely connected with existing methods, and who, therefore, are not likely to be embarrassed by the traditions of a system which is to be radically changed."

The commission considers the abolition of the post of commander-in-chief to be imperative, and it urges the divorce of the administrative from the executive department.

The inspector-general is to be appointed for five years. His sole function, aided by a staff, is to report upon actual facts, without expressing opinions on policies.

The Lord Esher committee, reported with unusual promptitude. Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Governor of Victoria, one of the members of the committee, only arrived in England December 23rd, while the report is dated January 15th.

IMMEDIATE CHANGES.

It is understood that all the necessary changes will be carried out with the least possible delay after obtaining the formal consent of Parliament.

When it is necessary the report is most practical and business-like. It says it is "necessary to make a complete breach with the past and endeavor to reconstitute the War office, with an eye single to the effective training and preparation of the military forces for war," and again it says, "The object should be to secure for the British Empire with the least possible derangement of the existing machinery, the immediate advantages which a general staff conferred upon Germany."

Contrasting the efficiency of the Admiralty with the inefficiency of the War office, the report complains that the latter "has no thinking department."

The morning papers editorially applied the report of the Lord Esher commission as thorough and practical, and express the hope that the Government will execute the reforms with courage and promptitude.

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